

Status Report on the Acquisition of Publications  
under terms of NSCID 16

I. Problem

To compare qualitatively and quantitatively the acquisition of foreign published and documentary material for intelligence purposes prior to the development of NSCID 16 and subsequent to its implementation.

II. Facts Bearing on the Problem

(a) Prior to the development of NSCID 16 and the transfer in 1953 of the functions and management of the Foreign Publications Branch of IAD, State to CIA, it had been determined by the Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications that publications procurement efforts in State and CIA were not adequate to the research needs of the IAC.

(b) It has always been conceded that the Foreign Service of the United States provides adequate machinery upon which a program for solving deficiencies in publications procurement could be based, given adequate fiscal and personnel support both in Washington and overseas.

(c) The approval of NSCID 16 in 1953 provided that "the Director of Central Intelligence shall insure the coordination of the procurement of foreign language publications for intelligence purposes". Accomplishment of the objectives of NSCID 16 has been realized in the timely processing of requirements, and in the control, cataloging and dissemination of publications received by the Foreign Section of Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library, other wise designated as IAD/FP. (See TAB A)

(d) Coordination of acquisition functions by the PPO's with the activities of Service Attaches, under provisions of NSCID 16, has enjoyed moderate success, particularly in the acquisition of hard-to-acquire items in single copy only and the making available of photoreproductions to the IAC. (See TAB B)

(e) Identification and notification of significant foreign publication acquisitions, never accomplished by the State acquisition element prior to NSCID 16, has become regularized under CIA management with the issuance of special accessions<sup>lists</sup> and reports. (See TAB C)

(f) The preparation and distribution of collection guides to field arms, including both PPO's and Service Attaches, have been implemented since the transfer of functions from State to CIA. (See TAB D).

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### III. Conclusions

(a) Consolidation and integration of the publications procurement program within CIA in 1953 provided the Director of Central Intelligence with the means, as well as the authority, to carry out the provisions and achieve the objectives of NSCID 16.

(b) As a result of being placed under one administrative direction, functions relating to the collection, dissemination, indexing, recording, and exploitation of foreign publications for intelligence purposes have been performed more efficiently and economically than under the former decentralized operation.

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### IV. Action Recommended

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It is recommended that the Deputy Director/Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State, approve the creation of a Special Assistant for Publications to the Director, OLI, similar to the Special Assistant for Maps.

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TAB A.

Functions and Workload of Foreign  
Section, Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library  
(IAD/FP)

1. Functions

- a. With funds provided by CIA, State, National Security Agency, Armed Forces Medical Library, Army Map Service, United States Information Agency, Library of Congress, Department of Agriculture, Rand Corporation, and American Chemical Society, to procure and make available foreign publications as required.
- b. To direct all collection activities of the full-and part-time Publications Procurement Officers.
- c. To uncover source material, investigate sources, and provide the field with specialized collection guides and acquisition instructions.
- d. To obtain desirable gratis material, provide for the acquisition of sample copies of foreign serial publications, and develop active informal exchanges between selected foreign academic and research organizations and counterpart U.S. organizations.
- e. To brief and debrief Foreign Service personnel in publications procurement and particular IAC requirements.
- f. To disseminate publications received, based on specific order or on priority interest.
- g. To provide photocopies of all hard-to-acquire publications received in single copy to IAC Agencies in line with their missions and/or priority targets.
- h. To publish accession lists and serial holdings for the information of all agencies concerned.

(N.B. Functions g. and h. above were not done prior to NSCID 16)

2. Workload.

a. Operations Memoranda

These include instructions, telegrams, letters and other correspondence with field collection officers and covering letters transmitting publications.

	1954	1955
Total	12,996	16,476

b. Specific Orders and Requirements Processed

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
CIA	serials 2,534 books 1,456	serials 3,031 books 1,748
State *	serials 122 books 0	serials 129 books 0
NSA	serials 301 books 2,078	serials 563 books 2,494
AFML	serials 73 books 11	serials 100 books 14
AMS	serials 377 books 308	serials 459 books 370
USIA	serials 172 books 5	serials 237 books 26
LC	serials 546 books 1,175	serials 998 books 1,400
AGR	serials 536 books 37	serials 725 books 45
Rand	serials 11 books 3	serials 12 books 21
ACS	serials 58 books 3	serials 136 books 0

(N.B.\* State (LR) has direct communication to field on all State orders. Only USSR serial subscription orders for State are sent to IAD/FP.)

c. Publications Received and Disseminated

	<u>1954</u>				
	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Periodicals</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Press Summaries, etc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
CIA	299,415	47,363	8,766	50,656	406,200
State	150,924	59,526	6,142	86,553	303,145
AMS	303	6,241	780	543	7,867

1954 (Continued)

	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Periodicals</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Press Summaries, etc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
AFML	242	818	207	0	1,267
Rand	15	30	308	304	657
NSA	19,917	7,876	3,573	3,495	34,861
USIA	6,134	1,128	8	5,362	12,632
LC	34,240	10,333	4,415	15,159	64,147
AGR	3,109	3,882	2,220	2,548	11,759
Commerce	7,615	6,154	458	3,675	17,902
Interior	219	535	11	171	936
Labor	388	723	11	1,301	2,423
Treasury	173	898	35	689	1,795
HEW	18	314	32	5	369
FRB	359	885	5	3,209	4,458
ACS	<u>5</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>498</u>
Grand Total	523,076	147,098	27,038	173,704	870,916

1955

CIA	330,085	68,677	10,900	87,106	496,768
State	79,806	36,136	6,343	60,759	183,044
AMS	1,452	4,796	1,378	833	8,459
AFML	204	1,080	511	4	1,799
Rand	24	85	512	271	892
NSA	48,951	9,798	4,959	3,726	67,434
USIA	30,942	5,697	191	15,803	52,633

1955 (Continued)

	<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Periodicals</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Press Summaries, etc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
LC	74,112	9,095	8,744	12,368	104,319
AGR	907	1,834	2,147	2,369	7,257
Commerce	2,338	2,187	111	3,658	8,294
Interior	50	103	1	0	154
Labor	159	333	73	1,336	1,901
Treasury	327	381	19	1,012	1,739
HEW	10	407	39	9	465
FRB	271	296	1	3,323	3,891
ACS	<u>0</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>781</u>
Grand Total	569,638	141,601	36,014	192,577	939,830

TAB B.

Photoreproduction of Hard-to-get  
Publications for Intelligence Use

The following publications are the more important titles which IAD/FP has reproduced in quantity to meet the needs of IAC Agencies. These publications are usually received in single copy only, and one reproduced copy of each has been disseminated to A-2, G-2, ONI, State, and NSA.

1. Telephone Directories

- a. Canton - 1954, 1955
- b. Peiping - 1954, 1955
- c. Shanghai - 1951/1952
- d. Tientsin - 1954
- e. Mukden - 1955
- f. Changchung - 1954

2. Diplomatic Lists

- a. People's Republic of China
- b. Korea
- c. Burma
- d. Yugoslavia
- e. Albania

3. Official Gazettes

- a. Albania
- b. Hungary

4. Bibliographies

- a. Knizhnaya Letopis' SSSR
- b. Letopis' Gazetnykh Statey SSSR
- c. Letopis' Zhurnalnykh Statey SSSR
- d. USSR Academy of Sciences Publications
- e. USSR Ministry of Railroads Publications

5. Critical Titles

- a. Preiskuranty (Price Lists), issued by Transzheldorizdat, Moscow, 1955.

- b. USSR Metallurgical Journals
  - 1) Zavodskaya Laboratoriya
  - 2) Stal'
  - 3) Gornyy Zhurnal
- c. The First Five-Year Plan of the Development of the National Economy of the Chinese People's Republic, in Chinese, Peiping, 1955.



TAB C.

Identification and Notification of Selected  
Foreign Publications in Special Accession Lists

1. Recent Additions of Foreign Language Publications Received in  
Acquisitions Branch, monthly, Official Use Only.

Selected books and monographs, as well as sample copies of newspapers and periodicals, listed by area. An annotation describing each item is included.

2. Russian Book List, monthly, unclassified.

Lists all books and monographs procured by PPO, Moscow for all Washington agencies. Information on cost, voucher number and consignee is included.

3. Chinese Book List, monthly, unclassified.

Lists all books and monographs procured by PPO, Hong Kong. Additional descriptive data accompanies indistinct titles.

4. CD/10. USSR Serial Publications Available in CIA Library, Annual,  
Secret.

Gives title, issuing authority, periodicity, and place of publication of all newspapers and periodicals filed. Current and back issue holdings are included.

5. CD/14. Newspapers of Latin America. An Annotated Survey, issued in  
series, Secret.

Critique of the Latin American press, citing management, ownership, editorial policies, Communist leanings, etc. Each area study is accompanied with lists of major newspapers.

6. Publications Issued by USSR and Eastern European Emigre Groups.  
Preliminary Survey, issued in series, Confidential, 1955.

Listing of publications issued by various emigre groups from the USSR and Eastern Europe throughout the world. Publications are grouped by language and cite the title, address, editor and organizational affiliation of each publication. An alphabetical index of all titles is appended.

TAB D.

Preparation and Distribution of  
Collection Guides to Field Installations

1. USSR Critical List, Annual, Confidential.

Listing of USSR newspapers and periodicals which have been unavailable to overt collection media of the Foreign Service and through commercial channels. Distributed to Defense attaches in peripheral USSR areas.

2. Chinese Collection Guide, A. Newspapers, B. Periodicals, issued annually in two parts, title page marked Secret; if title page is removed, publication is unclassified.

Listing of all known Chinese mainland newspapers and periodicals from Chinese postal and city directories. Titles currently received, together with available back issues, are noted. Distributed to Foreign Service and Defense attaches.

3. Voluntary Selection Guides to Full-and Part-time PPO's, issued periodically in the form of State Department circular instructions, usually Confidential.

Subject category requirements of CIA, NSA, and AMS itemized on instruction forms and distributed to all diplomatic posts having full-or part-time PPO's. Funds are authorized to provide payment.

4. Specific Circular Requirements to Full and Part-time PPO's, issued periodically in the form of State Department circular instructions, usually unclassified.

Continuing requirements for telephone directories, diplomatic and consular listings, emigre publications, international organization, youth and veterans' publications.